

REMARKS

Claims 25-39 remain pending in the application.

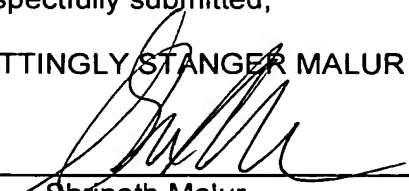
The claims have been amended to more clearly define the present invention. Newell et al does not disclose or suggest a storage system including disk drives nor any extent corresponding to a portion of a logical volume. Newell et al disclose a parallel processing/shared memory system having a plurality of processors for running a plurality of tasks each identifiable by a task identifier; one or more memory modules each having a plurality of memory locations, each memory location associatable with one of the task identifiers; means for allowing or denying a particular task to access a particular memory location on the basis of the task identifier associated with that location and task identifier of the particular task, and for associating the task identifier of the particular task with the memory location when the particular task is allowed access to that location (See Summary of Newell et al). As such, Newell et al disclosure is not relevant to the presently claimed invention.

The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone with any questions. In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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